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SUBJECT: NORTHERN GREEK NEWSPAPERMEN VOTE STRIKE

1. REJECTING RECOMMENDATION OF THEIR EXECUTIVE BOARD, GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION OF MACEDONIA AND THRACE VOTED MARCH 19 AGAINST FIFTEEN DAY PROPOSED DELAY IN CALLING GENERAL STRIKE AND FORMED "STRIKE COMMITTEE" TO LAY PLANS FOR WORK STOPPAGE. PRESIDENT OF ASSOCIATION, CHRISTOS LAMBRINOS, AND BOARD THEREUPON RESIGNED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORGANIZATION'S BY-LAWS, AND CARETAKER BOARD INSTALLED PENDING GENERAL ELECTION.

2. DISPUTE AROSE FROM PEREMPTORY DISCHARGE LAST WEEK BY OWNER-EDITOR OF TWO THESSALONIKI PAPERS, "MAKEDONIA" AND "THESSALONIKI", IOANNIS VELIDES, OF THREE JOURNALISTS (XENOPHON MAVRAGANIS, IOANNIS LIAPIS, AND IOANNIS NEGRIS) FOR THEIR ALLEGED UNDUE INVOLVEMENT IN "SYNDALISTIC DISPUTES". JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION SENT MILDLY-WORDED PROTEST TO VELIDES MARCH 14 REQUESTING RECONSIDERATION OF FIRINGS, WITH COPIES TO PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF NORTHERN GREECE, AND PRESS AND INFORMATION SECRETARIAT.

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PROTEST CARRIED IN LOCAL "ELLINIKOS VORRAS", AS

WELL AS ATHENS "AVGHI", "RIZOSPASTIS" AND "TO
VIMA". FOLLOWING DAY UNION OF JOURNALISTS IN
ATHENS SENT MESSAGE OF SUPPORT FOR DISCHARGED
JOURNALISTS TO MINISTER MARTIS, VELIDES AND OTHER
PUBLISHERS. SIMILAR MESSAGES SENT BY STUDENT UNIONS
OF THESS UNIV. SCHOOL OF PHILOSOPHY AND HIGH INDUSTRIAL
STUDIES AND BY THESS LABOR CENTER.

3. COMMENT: RESIGNED ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT LAMBRINOS
(WHO IS ALSO SENIOR USIS LOCAL) SAYS THAT FIRED
EMPLOYEES WERE "TROUBLE MAKERS" BOTH IN UNION AND AT WORK,
AND THAT ASSOCIATION'S PROTEST, DRAFTED BY THEM, WAS
FORWARDED PRO FORMA WITH LITTLE ENTHUSIASM. ALLEGES THAT
TWO ARE COMMUNISTS AND ONE PASOK FOLLOWER. AS AUTOCRAT
AND STERN DISCIPLINARIAN, OWNER VELIDES (NO ROSE
HIMSELF) FELT HE COULD NO LONGER TOLERATE THEIR
DISRUPTIVE INFLUENCE AND SACKED THEM FORTHWITH, EVEN AT
CONSIDERABLE COST IN SEVERANCE PAYMENTS. LAMBRINOS FEELS
THAT STRIKE WILL FAIL SINCE ONLY SOME OF THE
WRITERS WILL PARTICIPATE, WHOSE PLACES CAN READILY
BE FILLED BY SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL, AND NO LINOTYPISTS
OR OTHER EMPLOYEES ARE LIKELY TO JOIN IN STOPPAGE.
NONETHELESS, STRIKE, IF LAUNCHED, COULD STIR SOME
EXCITEMENT WITH EXTREMIST SUPPORT, OCCURRING AMONG
RELATIVELY FREE-WHEELING MEDIA GROUP IN AGITATED
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